

DECLARATION

I, MS. MINDNER, hereby state I am a secretary and at all times relevant hereto, I have been employed as a secretary in the Patent Department of Robert Bosch GmbH. I have read the declaration of Thomas Demuth and in my opinion it is true and correct.

I did write to Mr. Schöchark on three occasions requesting the signed and dated application papers with respect to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/049,546, Bosch Ref. R.38531, and never received any response. I am aware that on July 8, 2002, Franz Schöchark sent a copy of the letter with a handwritten notation to Thomas Demuth of the Patent Department of Robert Bosch GmbH.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that those statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Dated: 08. April 2003

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